

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DECEMBER 9, 1970

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi was held beginning at 8:07 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9, 1970 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

ROLL CALL

(Minutes of 1/6/71)
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Present: Councilmen - ~~EHRHARDT~~[#], HUGHES,
KATNICH, KIRSTEN (arrived
at 8:22 p.m. and SCHAFFER
(Mayor)

Absent: Councilman - EHRHARDT

Also present: City Manager Graves, Assistant
City Manager Peterson, and City Attorney Mullen.

PLEDGE

Mayor Schaffer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the
flag.

DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM

Mayor Schaffer stated the purpose of this meeting was to bring the Council up to date on the progress of the proposed drug abuse program, and also to give the public an opportunity to be heard on the subject of drug abuse.

At the request of the Mayor, City Manager Graves gave a brief background of the proposed program and stated that representatives of various groups had been invited to present their programs to the Council at this meeting.

Mr. Louis Farnsworth, 105 North Crescent Avenue, representing the Lodi Area Behavior Deterioration and Drug Abuse Council outlined their proposed program. He explained that the Drug Abuse Council's goal is to develop and coordinate programs and activities relating to the prevention of drug abuse. He stated that the group had been involved in training sessions and had recently met with officials of the University of California at Davis concerning the program.

Mr. Farnsworth further explained that the Lodi Area Behavior Deterioration and Drug Abuse Council was in need of financial assistance to launch their program and requested the City Council provide advance funds for the program. He presented for the Council's consideration funding requirements necessary for a six-month period as follows:

Consulting Director	\$300 per month
Executive Secretary	\$175 per month
(Both of the above at 1/4 full-time service)	
Vehicle Compensation	\$ 40
Telephone	\$ 80

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Mr. Farnsworth recommended that Mr. Trevor Pendray be appointed to serve as Coordinating Director of the Council. He also recommended the above program be approved by the Council on a six-month trial basis at which time he proposed a review of the program.

Mr. Trevor Pendray, 1012 Lake Home Drive, spoke on behalf of the above program and emphasized the importance of developing an understanding in the community for this program. He also pointed out that the Council's aim is to plan and coordinate drug abuse programs throughout the community.

Mr. Joe Capobianco, 458 West Sargent Road, addressed the Council concerning an organization of former drug users called "People." He explained that this group has been meeting in his home for some time, but the group has increased in number and are in need of a meeting place. He requested some consideration from the Council concerning a meeting place. Mayor Schaffer assured Mr. Capobianco the Council was in sympathy with his problem and would give it consideration.

The Director of The Mensch Coffee House, Miss Arlene Ackerman, 16 West Tokay Street, outlined the activities of The Mensch, which is a youth group sponsored by the Lodi Council of Churches. She explained that The Mensch had been meeting in the old Salas Funeral Home on South School Street for the past year but had been asked to move. She requested permission for The Mensch to use the old fire house on the southeast corner of Lodi Avenue and Sacramento Street.

Reverend Robert Volkert, 101 South Ham Lane, also spoke concerning The Mensch and asked the Council to give favorable consideration to Miss Ackerman's request.

At the request of the City Manager, Police Chief Yates discussed the bicycle-pedestrian safety program being presented by the Police Department to the grade schools throughout the City. He also discussed the Department's efforts relating to the drug problem and answered questions of the Council.

City Manager Graves then spoke concerning the Lodi Area Behavior Deterioration and Drug Abuse Council, stating he felt there was a definite need for some type of program to provide for coordinating and planning in the area of drug abuse. He said that some funds might be available through Federal funding for this type of a program, but pointed out that the Drug Abuse Council must have advance funds in order to get the program in operation.


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The City Manager then discussed the City's ability to provide meeting places in the community. With regard to use of the old fire house by the Mensch, he stated he did not recommend its use for anything that involved a great deal of activity. He explained that some repairs would be necessary before it could be used by the Mensch. He also discussed a possible traffic problem due to the lack of parking space in the area. The Council then discussed the possibility of converting the side yard area to parking. After further Council discussion, the Council, on motion of Councilman Kirsten, Katnich second, authorized the City Manager to determine the costs of rehabilitating the old fire house at Lodi Avenue and Sacramento Street, and to report back to the Council on his findings so that a rental agreement might be executed by the time The Mensch needs the facilities.

The Council then considered the request for funds for the Lodi Area Behavior Deterioration and Drug Abuse Council. On motion of Councilman Hughes, Kirsten second, the Council unanimously approved execution of an agreement with the Drug Abuse Council allocating \$4,000 to be used to implement their program as outlined above by Mr. Farnsworth for a trial period of six months and requested a financial statement from the Drug Abuse Council at the end of the six-month period.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:55 p.m.

Attest: 
BESSIE L. BENNETT
City Clerk